



Oyster River High School, Durham, N.H. 03824

May 26, 1987



Jeff Carlson as Riff and Todd Bragdon as Bernardo

"WEST SIDE STORY" FEATURES CAST OF 70

by Chris Schuyler

The seventy person cast of West Side Story, the largest in years, filled the house all three nights. According to technical director Chris Loder, "the sell out crowds made the show a financial and theatrical success."

The Drama Club will start next year with \$1200 in their account. One reason for this is the money that was earned by West Side Story.

The Drama Club grossed \$3500 with a net gain of \$500 after \$3000 in expenses. Mr. Denson said that, "since the cast was so large, many people attended the shows." Besides cast members' families and friends forty-two faculty members attended.



JUNE 12th
6:00 pm

New S.A.U. Office Building On Coe Drive Faces Delays

by Tom McDonough

According to Mark Morin, Durham Planning Assistant, Superintendent John Powers' expectation of breaking ground on the SAU building next week will not become a reality.

Morin said, "It will be a month before they can break ground if the application is in today (May 19)." Morin predicts it will be three weeks for the planning board to approve the revised building plans and one week to process the paper work after that. Powers commented on the completion date saying, "If (R.M. Rouleau, Inc.) starts in a week or two it will be completed on time." On time meaning construction completed in mid to late August with the building being occupied by the school opening of Sept. 2.

The SAU office will be operating out of the high school during the summer according to Powers.

The SAU building, encountered its first set back when the lowest bid of three was \$235,000 for a building budgeted at \$200,000. This necessitated that a revised set of plans be drawn up by the architectural firm of Banwell White Arnold & Hemberger. These plans must go before the Durham Planning Board, despite the approval of the original plans. Morin did not foresee problems with the approval of these revisions.

The contract for the revised building was awarded to R.M. Rouleau, Inc. of Somersworth for \$171,500. Not included in this estimate are sewer lines, water hookups, kitchen facilities, and architectural fees. Additional costs could be involved in providing handicapped access. Superintendent Powers is reviewing handicapped access options with state officials.

FACULTY COMMITTEE STUDIES ATTENDANCE POLICY IMPACT

by Dave Rice

Recently the Appeals Committee at Oyster River High School has been reviewing the attendance policy which has improved attendance throughout the year.

Committee member Mrs. Estaver said, "there is no doubt that the policy is working." Assistant Principal Neil Shapiro said that the committee is still working on the areas of "appealable" and "non-appealable" absences, field trips, cuts, and the handling of missed classes because of science labs.

Committee members are Mrs. Estaver, Mrs. Perry, Mr. Simmons, and Mrs. Reeves. Mr. Nilson and Mrs. Parmelo are alternates to the committee.

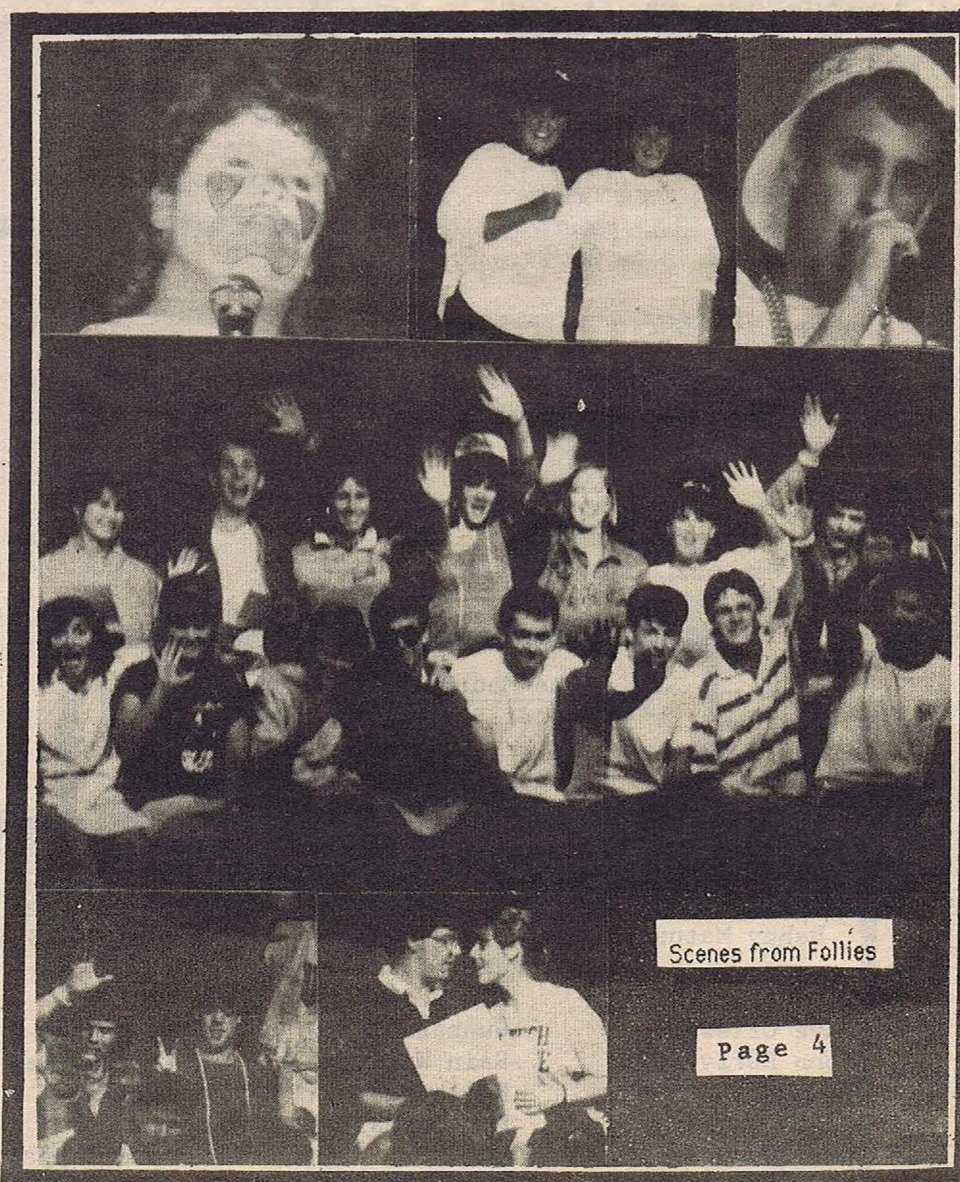
No drastic changes are expected in the "new" or revised attendance policy. One proposed change is the use of the terms "appealable" and "non-appealable" instead of excused and unexcused for the description of absences.

Another area of concern

is the counting of field trips as absences. Many teachers feel that these functions are school related so they should not count in on the students absence total. On the other side of the coin a number of teachers think that seeing the student is able to compile twenty absences, where as schools like Dover allow only thirteen, field trips should count as excused absences.

Oyster River Freshman Lee Rimbach stated her opinion saying, "they are beneficial and educational experiences, and shouldn't be counted against the student."

Committee member and English teacher, Debbie Estever said, "the policy needs to be expressed differently." She also voiced that more make-up chances are needed for missed classes due to day long absences, labs and field trips. Many people support this idea and we can look for a structured make-up time stated as part of the new policy.



Scenes from Follies

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The Oyster River High School Crew Team opened up in, an impressive fashion at a meet held in Philadelphia on May 15. They were able to capture three firsts and a second place.

Senior, Chris Warren and junior, Pieter Beckman took the crown in the senior doubles category with a stellar performance. The girls winners were juniors, Stacy Samuels and Yesim Celikkol. They were able to power their way to a first place finish.

In the girls singles category junior, Rain Williams was able to capture first place. Danika Harris secured second place as she crossed the finish line behind Williams.

Team leader, Chris Warren said that he has been practicing on the water since April 1st. He also added, "training for crew is constant labor, you must engage in physical activity all year round."

The Oyster River Team will be looking for another strong showing at the Canadian Scholastic Nationals in St. Catharines' Canada on May 30th and 31st. Then after Canadian's the crew team will be heading out to Indianapolis Indiana for the Men's and Woman's Nationals. Championship in St. Catharines, Ontario.

June 4 Dinner set to Honor Mrs. Milliken

by Dave Mangene

The Oyster River Teacher Guild has announced a retirement dinner for Mrs. Eleanor Milliken on June 4th at Cardinals Seafarer in Rochester. Colleagues and friends are invited to attend. The reservation form printed below should be returned with a check by May 28th to Mrs. Baxter.

Mrs. Milliken, who has taught at O.R.H.S. for 27 years has been honored by the National Science Foundation for excellence in teaching. She has received an honorary doctorate degree for her work in science teaching, from Mt. Holyoke College.



SARAH GODING TO COMPETE IN NATIONAL TALENT PAGEANT

by Dave Criswell

Sarah Jayne Goding is America's Junior Miss—New Hampshire for 1987. She will be leaving for Mobile, Alabama on June 7 for two weeks' of competitions in noise, talent, academics and other categories. The top five Junior Miss candidates from around the country will be featured on a broadcast on June 20 on channel 21.

Sarah Goding was selected as Junior Miss of N.H. on November 29. With the title and various prizes came a \$2500 scholarship and a chance to compete in the national pageant. Sarah also won a \$500 scholarship for the category "the Spirit of Junior Miss."

Because of the dates of the competition, Sarah will miss the end of her senior year, including the graduation ceremony. She called this a "serious drawback" and felt very "mixed feelings" about the demands of the pageant.

Next year Goding will be attending the University of Mississippi at Oxford ("Old Miss") where she will be a pre-med major, minoring in communications.

Mrs. Milliken established the Planetarium here in 1971. She received funding from several National grants, and from various donations. Her planetarium students attend conferences in this country, and in Canada, conferences attended by no other High School age participants. Her students

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"WEST SIDE STORY" CAST OF SEVENTY LARGEST IN YEARS

by Dan Randall

The lights dimmed, leaving the stage black, save for the slight illumination of some orchestra pit lights. Everyone in the room; cast, crew, orchestra, and audience, awaiting the starting downbeat. The downbeat given, the gang war started, which was the opening scene of "West Side Story", this year's choice for the high school musical.

With a cast of about 75, a 14 piece orchestra, and a crew of about seven, all working together at the same time, you would be surprised at the fact that they pulled it off.

But they did even more than that, making it rise up to being one of the drama/music department's better musicals.

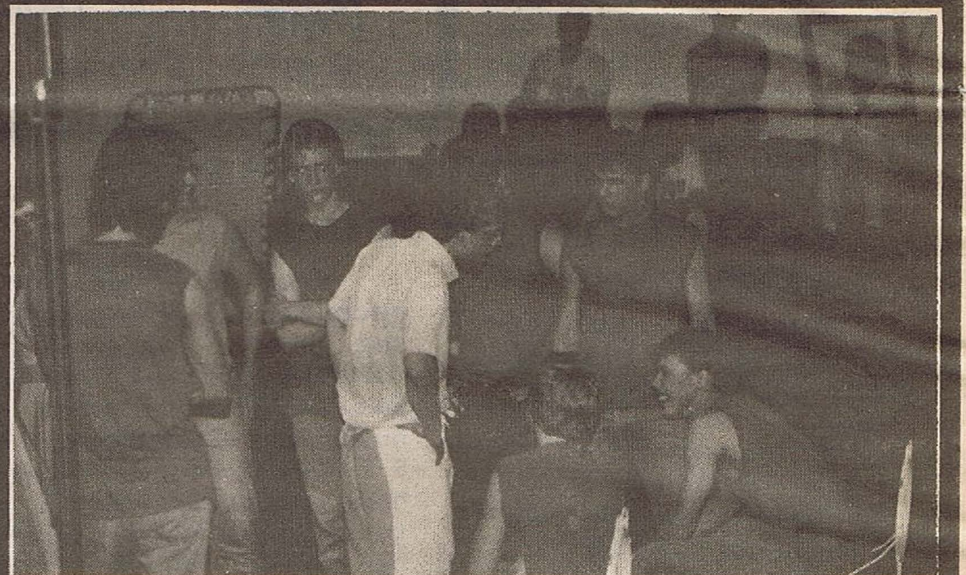
Perfecting the final product, however, was not easy.

For one thing, the orchestra was about one quarter the size of what would be needed to play all of the parts. They made up for this by having Susan Ridell playing a full score on the piano, while the rest was

being added on a Yamaha synthesizer, played by either Dave Ervin or Jason Carr (who also played the part of officer Krunkie). Little recorded bits of the actual show (with a jukebox as cover) were also used to make up for our lack of instrumentation.

The lighting, being an area on which Mr. Denson puts a lot of emphasis, proved to be a major asset to this show, since, after all, it was the only thing, besides the small amount of sets, that gave a sense of location on the "stage". Most of the lighting and tech equipment had to be rented, so that there would be enough to light the whole gym. I managed to get a look at the light crew's setup during one of the intermissions. They had more dimmers and switches than all of their fingers and toes added, to be reasonable for switching at the right times. After seeing this, I watched the work of the lighting crew with more attentiveness as the showings progressed; and, to say the least, I was impressed.

So there you have it. A high school musical done with such tact and cleanliness that it looked, and felt, professional. And what did it take? A lot of hard work, and a lot of people.



The drugstore scene in "West Side Story" with Ian Young as "Doc."


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New Parking Lot Plans?

by John Duffy

"Would the owner of a black Porsche 930 Ruf Turbo registration # 'T-DRL-PK' please move his or her vehicle as you are blocking in Mr. Jones."

The parking problem here at Oyster River High School is bad and getting worse. Never before were announcements like this one heard in our hallowed halls but they are becoming more and more routine with each passing week. What can be done about it? Sure you can say "Drive only if necessary", but let's be real, does this stop anyone?

We need a solution and we need it fast. Who has the answer? Well if I personally were consulted on the matter four answers would immediately come to mind.

A. We could build an underground, check that, a "multi-leveled" underground parking facility below the existing parking lot. This would not only give the students plenty of parking space, it would also create a much more visually pleasing appearance for the school. It would eliminate that "tarred-over" look that today dominates America's landscape. Grounds people would also have a place to dump litter presently scattered on the surface. That would be nice now wouldn't it?

B. All students who wish to drive must live a minimum of three miles from our

beloved learning facility. This would eliminate at least Kati Lynes if no one else. I mean seriously she lives on Madbury Road, and as far as Dave Criswell and his 280 ZX Turbo are concerned, well I can see his house from here so I think maybe he can walk!!

C. We could require that students with cars go on joy rides during their study periods. Since 15% of the students are free each period and about half of those have cars, this would free up 7.5% of the spaces and provide recreational diversions as well.

D. Stacking the cars with an electromagnet (as pictured in the illustration) is a last resort, but not as bizarre as one might think. Mr. Shapiro would have a greater element of control over unacceptable student behavior if he had the power to suspend them (literally) 50 feet over the parking lot.

All in all, we can be sure that a sensible plan will be worked out. We offer these possibilities, but we are open to other creative suggestions!!

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"AWESOME" and Other Inflated, abused Words

by Todd Whitten

Look upon these words, ye Mighty, and Despair
—Ozymandras

Awesome. There is a word that is not as popular now as it was, but it has still been corrupted. Perhaps it became thrown into the English language when someone saw it, thought it was cool, and began using it as did thousands of teenagers. The word was probably revitalized by the short-lived "valley girl" way of talking which also gave the English language "bitchin'", "Grody to the max," and "gag me..." with whatever is handy. A smurf for instance.

The word "awesome" has come a long way from its original definition. It was a word used to describe an awe-inspiring event that made a person's jaw hang to the floor. This was usually limited to natural disasters, volcanic eruptions and whatnot, or the acts of some deity, such as lightning cascading down around a shaman/priest yet he walks away unscathed. A supernova or Black Hole is awesome in every sense of the word.

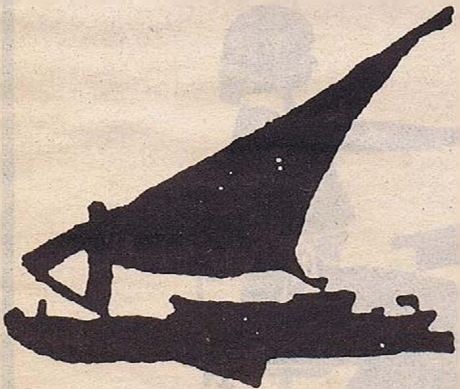
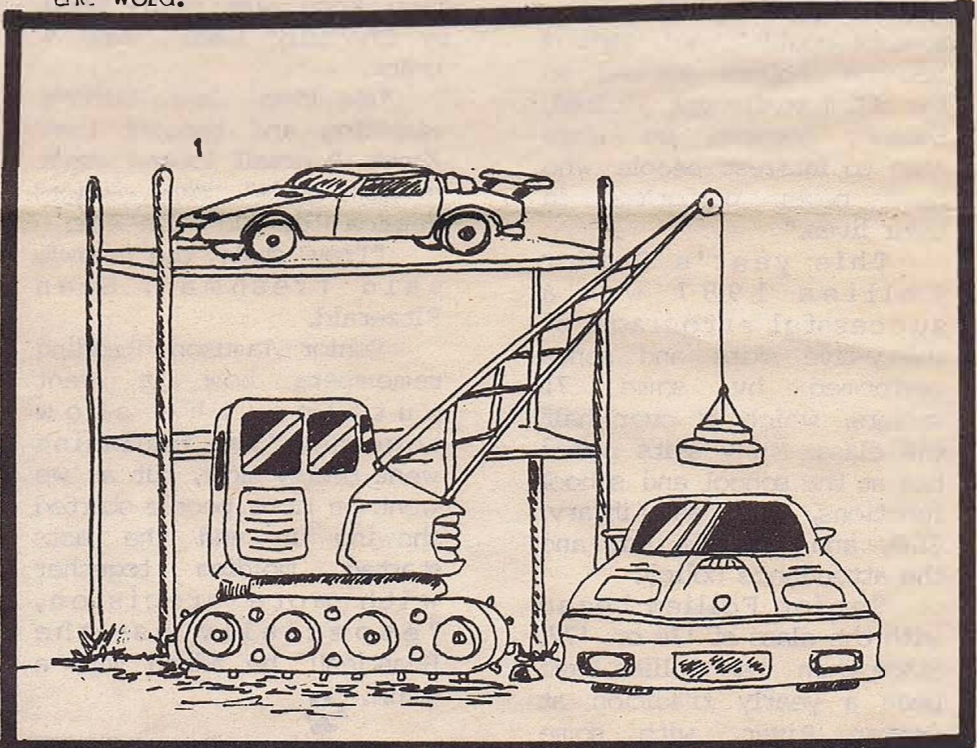
Now, the usage of the word awesome has changed, lessened in its implications. Now the word can refer to anything from a new doll, to a T.V. show, or even a pair of shoes. The word has been so overused and misused, that with the implication of the word being distorted, it has fallen from glory.

"Awesome" is now found among words like "wow", "cool", "neat", "fabulous",

and in a former generation, "groovy." It used to be there with "a-mazing", "incredible" and "fantastic." "Fantastic" itself has also fallen from grace and is no longer used properly.

As well as being demoted in rank, "awesome" is being used to describe things that are not worthy of the adjective. I quote Bill Cosby "Man built a car and said 'Amazing!' God did a rabbit and said+ 'Good.' Man built a refrigerator and said+ 'Awesome.' God did a tree, and said+ 'Good.' The wheels fell off the car, and the refrigerator broke down. The tree is still up, and the rabbit's still running."

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One of the many 1987 Senior Follies rehearsals.

'87 SENIOR FOLLIES FEATURES OVER 70 IN FAST-PACED SKITSby Heather Gleason
Joe Cormier

"The Senior Follies was a success mostly because of the cooperativeness of the students and because of the directors' good organization," said senior class advisor Susan Smith.

"I thought I'd need a valium!" said Laura Deame jokingly.

"In the beginning, the seniors couldn't get serious because Follies seemed so far off. I really got excited, though, because we were able to interest people who have never performed in their lives."

This year's Senior Follies 1987 was a successful entourage of thirty-five skits and songs performed by some 71 seniors, which is over half the class. Many skits poked fun at the school and school functions, such as Library, SLO, and Driver's Ed. and the attendance policy.

Senior Follies began with the class of '76 or '77. Since then the Follies have been a yearly tradition at Oyster River, with some skits leaving members of the

SENIORS BEYOND REPAIR AFTER SPRING BREAK

by Karen Rogers

Once again the tradition continued this past vacation when numerous seniors took vacations with their friends. The trips seemed to come at a good time this year as far as weather is concerned.

While many seniors were sunbathing on the white sands of Aruba, Myrtle Beach, Florida, Barbados, California and other vacation spots, the people at home were shoveling snow! Now what more can anyone ask for?


The April Break is the last school vacation before the school year ends and has traditionally been the "end" for the seniors. After vacation most teachers realize that a lot of the

audience chuckling happily hours after the performances are over. Such was the case with Follies 87.

"I thought it was much funnier than last year's", said one junior. "Tom Cronshaw was a riot in Run Joey Run", said freshman, Brad Poulin. "I liked the opening. It was a good way to start it out. I thought Troy Fogg was really good in Chantilly Lace", said a junior.


"We loved John Duffy's miniskirt, and thought that Keith Pearsall looked great in high heels", joked juniors Jessica Roy and Julie Roy.

"Troy stole the show", said freshman, Sean Fitzgerald.

Senior Jamison Redding remembers how it went putting the show together. "The beginning went pretty slow, but as we went on more people started showing up and the acts started molding together with more precision, 'especially us--the Beasties!'" he added with a smile. 

seniors do not have their mind on their studies for the remainder of the school year.

Senior trip has always been the last memorable event besides graduation that the seniors experience during high school. There are always things that happen on these trips that people will never forget (ie. Keith falling off a moped in Aruba, Chantilly Lace for the Myrtle Beach crowd, etc.) The senior trip is a good time to get away and spend time with your friends. This is always something very memorable in each of their lives.

So, if you parents are worried about sending your kids on a senior trip, don't be. It is a very worthwhile experience and important for your kids to become involved in. 



Another memorable Senior Follies rehearsal

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Baccalaureate: Giving Graduates the Long View

by Rain Williams

This year's baccalaureate speaker is Rev. Dr. John Lyles, pastor of Durham Community Church. Seniors will gather in for this occasion of Sunday evening, June 7 at 7:00 p.m.


The ceremony is planned by a committee of seniors with many members of the class participating. The high school chorale will also be featured.

The Baccalaureate service is an old tradition dating to the Middle Ages when students going out into the world received words of advice and thoughts to reflect on. It is a time to stop and reflect on the big picture at a moment in life

when a typical senior is torn between day by day concerns and long-range planning.

The committee is very careful to keep the ceremony balanced among various religious and philosophical points of view.

Baccalaureate is known for the contribution of the senior students in the ceremony. Some students this year will be preparing speeches or reciting poems, others will be performing on musical instruments, or singing.

Parents and friends of the graduating seniors are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served after Baccalaureate in the cafeteria by O.R.F.W. volunteers. 

Senior Banquet To be held June 10


by Joy Coleman

According to Senior Class President, Molly Hodgson the Senior Banquet will be held on June 10, at the New England Center from 7:00 - 12:00 pm. Now Sound Express will be featured along with a Buffet dinner and other activities.

According to Hodgson the purpose of the banquet is to allow a time for all the seniors to be together in a formal setting before graduation. She hopes that the banquet will add to the unity that was established during Senior Follies. Most of all she hopes

"that it will be a lot of fun for everyone."

In the past the banquet has cost each senior approximately six dollars. According to Hodgson this year's banquet will hopefully be cost free or a very minimal amount.


Seniors, Kerry Casey and Jo-anna Evora are both planning on attending the banquet and are looking forward to the occasion. Senior, Tom Cronshaw hopes the food will be good. And Senior, Heidi Carlson is looking forward to having a good time with all her senior friends, one last time before graduation. 

Follies '87: Preserving A Tradition

Two years ago, it appeared that Senior Follies might be abolished. Follies had begun to get out of control with problems ranging from alcohol incidents to bad taste to apathy.

The Follies of 1987 followed up on the positive experience of 1986 with even more of a spirit of cooperation. The class paid attention to the directors and pulled together in a way not seen in several years.

The level of participation and the variety of people in the acts was also an encouraging sign.

Not only that, but it was a good show. Follies '87 has contributed to growing school spirit, evidenced from basketball season on. Also, this year's Follies has helped to guarantee the survival of a great tradition which only a short while ago seemed headed for extinction. The class of '87 can be proud and the classes to follow can be thankful. 



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by Gunnar Olson

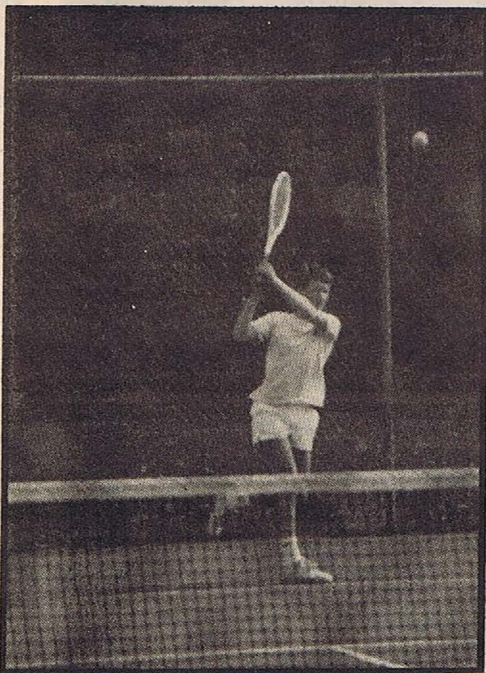
In the Hanover Inventational many runners had personal bests but the team was led by John Duffy who placed fifth in the high jump.

In a previous interview Mr. Byrnes said, "We have a lot of ground to make up, but we have a lot of people who can hold their own." So far the team has 8 people who have qualified for the state meet.

In a meet on May 15th, against Winnacunnet, Timberlane, Raymond they came in second, led by the winning performances of Mike Holmes in the 1,600m, Mike Moriarity in the discus, Eric Barstow in the triple jump and the long jump, and Mark Haggerty in the 3,200m.

In a freshman-sophomore meet on May 9th, Oyster River tied for 7th with Concord with 28 points. They were led by Oyster River's first place in 4x800 relay. Other who turned in good performances were Mike Holmes second in 1,600m, Matt Fitzgerald's third in the 3,200m, Steve Leitz's fifth in the high jump, and Mark Haggerty's fifth in the 1,600m.

The State Meet is on June 6th, and the boy's team already has 13 people qualify for it in 14 events.



Rich Matusow sends back a volley.



top, 1 to r: Coach Don Maynard, Scott Gunter, Ken Chu, Jim Buckless, Fred Luciano, Greg More. Middle: Jeff Barber, Darrell Briggs, Mike Farrell, Todd Bragdon, Greg Williams, Brad Poulin. Bottom: Chuck Truelson, Dave Goodman, Chris Mautz, Ray Goodman, Matt Komonchak, S. Goodman.

BOBCAT BASEBALL TEAM AIMING FOR PLAYOFFS

By David Mangene

On May 16 the boys Baseball team defeated the Raymond Rams here at Oyster River. The victory moved the Bobcats record to 8-4, moving them towards their playoff goal.

The boys varsity Baseball team extended its record with a split decision doubleheader over Somersworth this weekend.

Ace pitcher Ray Goodman carried the team through the first game allowing Somersworth (Class "I" leaders) to only 7 hits. Senior Ken Chu knocked in the winning runs, banging a double in the 7th inning. His deep left field blast, scoring two runners, captured the victory. In the second game however, the Bobcats didn't have any last inning miracles losing 14-4.

In other action this season the Bobcats have also been successful. In intraconference competition, the Bobcats defeated Class "I" Dover, earning them 10 points towards the standings instead of the normal 7.5. On the hill for the Bobcats was Junior Ray Goodman, hurling 7 strikeouts, sealing the victory.

In early May the Bobcats had a big victory

over, then undefeated St. Thomas. On the mound for the Saints was their ace pitcher Tom Vitko. Through six innings Vitko held the Bobcats hitless but finally Senior Tom Cronshaw broke through. The experienced Cronshaw belted a double to dead center field scoring two runners, ensuring the victory.

The Bobcats faced Pelham in the first game of the season, and walked away with a 10-0 win. Ray Goodman had his best performance of the year, hurling 15 strikeouts, and a shutout. Other games this season include victories at Sanborn, while suffering losses to Kennett, Sanborn, and Newmarket. These losses can be attributed in part to the absence of key team members Todd Bragdon, Ray Goodman (West Side Story), and Jim Buckless (shoulder injury.)

The Bobcats have their final regular season game against Timberlane. The Bobcats feel optimistic about the upcoming playoffs. Sophomore David Goodman said, "If we concentrate and play our own game we'll do okay."

The Mouth of the River wishes good luck to the graduating Seniors!

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The failure of Yokum berry tonic to change minds in Washington leaves the people of Dogpatch wondering what will become of their beloved town.

The play ended with the discovery that the statue of Gen. Jubilation P. Cornpone had been declared a shrine by President Lincoln.

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TEN OF TWELVE ATHLETIC COACH JOBS STILL OPEN

by Joe Williams

At this time only two of the twelve coaching openings for next year have been filled.

There are a few nominations coming up before the board, but at this time only coaches for J.V. volleyball (Wendy Mattson) and varsity field hockey (Lisa Horne) have been approved.

O.R. athletic director David Nichols has already started lining up coaches for next year but still has many vacancies, "right now soccer is our biggest need," said Mr Nichols "other than that we are in pretty good shape." (At this time only one of the five soccer coaching spots are filled).

Other sports which have coaching vacancies at this time include field hockey, girls basketball, ice hockey, track, and a new sport added to Oyster River, JV baseball.

TENNIS TEAM WINS EXETER MEET; HEADS FOR STATE FINALS

by David Criswell

The Oyster River High School girls' tennis team won a close match over Concord beating them by a score of 5-4 Monday, May 25 during NHIAA semi-final action in Exeter.

The Bobcats went behind early and after the first four singles matches were down 3-1 with Debby Matusow winning her match. They then tied it up at 3-3 with two close matches by # 6 seed Lisa Cloitre and by # 4 seed Jennifer Judge in a tie breaker.

1 and # 2 seed Darryl Arrighi and Debby Matusow won their doubles match soundly by a score of 8-2. # 5 seed Andrea Viccaro and # 6 seed Lisa Cloitre then lost a close match to make the score tied at 4-4, resting the Bobcats' bid for a final playoff spot in the hands of # 3 seed Karen Rogers and # 4 seed Jennifer Judge.

The doubles team of Rogers and Judge seemed to have it wrapped up early as they built a lead of 6-2 but saw that diminish to a tie at 6-6 before putting on a final spurt to win 9-6.

The still undefeated Bobcats face Milford (16-1) at Phillips Exeter Academy Wednesday May 27.

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SOFTBALL TEAM WINS CLOSE

by David Criswell

The Oyster River High School girls softball team closed out their season with a loss to Exeter by a score of 20-16. This loss makes the Bobcats final record 7-9 and diminished their playoffs hopes.

Oyster River fell behind early on and by the third inning they were down by a score of 12-1. The Bobcats then started to mount a comeback and did a pretty good job tying the score at 16-16 before Exeter hit them with a rally in the seventh inning scoring four runs to make the final score 20-16.

OR's last win came over the Raymond Rams by a score of 9-6 to make their record 7-8.

The Bobcats got off to a slow start in the first inning as they watched Carver and Brown knock home a run a piece on identical doubles to left field. OR's only run in the first inning came when Tara Truelson stole third and Dodge, the Ram catcher over threw the ball to left field bringing home Truelson.

The Rams made one final spurt as Clarke knocked Jellison home on a shot to center field, and

Gordon knocked home teammates Smith and LaPlante on a triple to left field to make the score 6-2.

OR then took control with a single by Heather Shenefiel that knocked home Kris Dugas, Shenefiel then came home on an overthrow. Esme Hurley then brought the game to a deadlock with a home run that brought home Maggie Farrel which made the score 6-5.

The scoring was quiet throughout the third, fourth, and fifth innings with no hits made and the innings flew by.

In the sixth inning OR took the lead for the last time as Nancy Carlson, Maggie Farrel and Esme Hurley each had clutch singles that knocked home a run a piece to make the score at the end of the game 9-6.

The Bobcats also recorded wins over Newmarket by a score of 20-8 and St. Thomas 14-11, the recent losses came at the hands of Sanborn by a score of 18-3 and Somersworth, as the Bobcats dropped both games of a double header.

The Bobcats' final record was 7-9. The team will be honored at the Sports Banquet on June 2.



Hillbilly Humor Abounds in ORMS Production of the Musical Comedy "Li'l Abner"

by Tom McDonough

The Oyster River Middle School presented "Li'l Abner" on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, May 21, 23 and 24. The musical was presented by Dave Ervin and was preformed in the high school cafeteria.

Li'l Abner was played by Lance Waterfield and Daisy May was played by Mandy Orme. Other principal characters were: Brandon Ammann as Earthquake Maqoon, Anita Mathur as Mammy Yokum, Mark Rimbach as Pappy Yokum, and Matt Shore as Marryin' Sam. There were nearly 70 middle school students in the cast.

Mrs. Rita Butler is credited by director Dave Ervin with "an incredible job" in planning and procuring the vast array of costumes needed for the show.

Some of the set work has received assistance of high school students Mike and

Dewy Mrak, Lisa Simmons, Jason Carr, Nate Klippenstein, Karen Gooze, Thatcher Ulrich and Eliot Shepard.

Li'l Abner is the story of the residents of a hillbilly town who find out from their senator that the Federal government has declared their town "Dogpatch" to be the "most unnecessary town" in the United States. As a result of this declaration, the government decides to use the town as a bombing site.

In order to change the minds of congressmen, Abner and his pals head to Washington to tell officials about Yokum berry tonic a wonderful medicinal drink manufactured in Dogpatch. This amazing elixir gives men great strength. However, the congressmen find out that it has an unfortunate side effect: it takes away romantic instincts.

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EIGHTH GRADERS NOT WORRIED ABOUT O.R.H.S.

by Keith Pearsall

Eighth graders are all set for next years freshmen year at Oyster River High School. "Fadedly anticipating, but scared of the new challenge" said two eighth grade girls, Cathren Burgur and Debbie Kline.

This seems to be the reaction I got from all the Eighth graders, they feel high school awaits alot more activities, there for should bring more fun and excitement in to school. On the other hand they feel, being freshmen, that they

might not be accented the first year, but they're sure they will fit in soon.

One eighth grade boy, Billy Hall said "I am very psyched about entering high school next year". And Jesse Fields feels there will be a lot more freedom in high school then there is in middle school.

Mr Bonaccorsi a science teacher at the middle school says, "the eighth graders are looking forward to going to the high school, they don't seem worried at all."



Top l to r: Jennifer Ruffner, Heidi Carlson, Nancy Carlson, Gina Christenson, Leslie Christenson, Marjaana Katajisto. Middle: Sue Schuster, Debbie Metzger, Kirsten Gigley, Joanne Simpson, Heather Shenefiel, Coach Roy Swanson. Bottom: Kim Dugas, Jen White, Maggie Farrell, Kris Dugas, Julie Bullard, Tara Truelson. Missing: Mindy MacKay and Esme Hurley.



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Mouth of the River To be Automated For Fall of 1987

by Joey Williams

The Mouth of the River, Oyster River's newspaper will be entering the computer era starting next year.

A new Xerox publishing program that is IBM compatible will allow students to write, edit, and layout the paper on the computer. This process will take much less time than the present method of laying-out the paper by hand.

Presently the students type their articles into a TRS-80 and print them on paper. Then the articles are cut out and glued onto large sheets of grid paper which represent one page of the paper. The paper is then sent to the printing company to be printed.

Under the new system the articles will be typed into the IBM computer and will be electronically laid-out on the computer once all the articles are in.

Mr. Taonan and the three editors for next year will be working with the program at the end of this year.

STUDENT COUNCIL ANNOUNCES NEW RULES FOR JUNE 7 CLASS ELECTIONS

This year's Student Council is considering three amendments to the constitution, which will affect elections in June. The proposed changes include:

1. Each class will have three representatives to the Student Council, giving more people a chance to participate as well as increase the productivity of the Council. A student from each class would then be able to sign three petitions and vote for three Student Council Representatives.

2. The office of Student Council secretary will be expanded to include two offices; a recording

secretary and a corresponding secretary. These will be treated as separate offices and students will be able to sign both petitions and vote for both candidates.

3. The School Board has changed the term of the Student Representative to the School Board to a March to March term concurrent with the election of the new School Board members. This June a Student Representative to the School Board will be elected for an interim term beginning in June and ending next March when a new Student Representative will be elected to serve for one year. Following this term all Student Representatives to the School Board will be elected in March. Candidacy for this office is open to all sophomores and juniors.

Student Council requests that if you have any comments or suggestions concerning any of these proposed amendments please see a Student Council member. Petitions will go out on May 25 and elections are scheduled for June 4.

Two Firsts and a Second in Delaware Regatta May 23-24

The Oyster River crew team has been rowing up a storm in recent meets. The rowers took two firsts and a second at the Scholastic National Championship in Delaware on May 23 and 24. Chris Warren and Pieter Beckman took the crown in the Senior doubles category with a stellar performance.

Rain Williams never looked back, cruising to a win in the Girl's single competition. Also Thede Loder and Orlando Herold took second in the junior double pulling through the finish line just fractions of a second after the winners.

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Numerous members of the audience commented on the many talented and enthusiastic performers soon to arrive at ORHS and add to its drama program.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL?

by Tom McDonough

The Oyster River School Board voted 6-1 to qualify the present high school site for possible expansion to accommodate 800 students. This vote allows the Board to explore both of the primary options for building expansion. The building expansion is necessitated by present and future space needs at the high school and elementary school levels.

The building options are to either expand the present high school and build a new elementary school, or to build a new high school and accommodate the middle and elementary levels through

present facilities.

The Board also voted to have the Board Chairman, Suzanne Loder, appoint an ad hoc committee of LRPC (Long Range Planning Committee) members, Board members, and administrators to explore the two options. The charge to the committee was to review student populations per year and costs for each plan.

The committee report will allow the Board to choose a building plan to present to the district voters. The Board will present the bond issue to the district voters at a possible October emergency meeting. A bond issue requires a 2/3 majority vote to be adopted.

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also do presentations at conferences and for the school groups here at the High School.

Mrs. Milliken also teaches oceanography and has been active in marine and environmental groups. She also teaches astronomy, and geology, along with various field trips.

One of Mrs. Milliken's greatest achievements was "Project Safari," a nearly summer long tour throughout the West with a busload of students. Students who have accompanied her on these have a second mother and a lifelong friend.

Mrs. Milliken's interest in education extends beyond the classroom and even beyond her extensive extra-curricular involvement. Mrs. Milliken is currently chairperson of the Dover School Board. Few teachers have had as strong an impact on the O.R. school district. She has taught people to observe, to risk, and to care, qualities which she has role modeled in a 4 decade love affair with education.

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A corruption of the English language, that's what it is. So where do we go from here? What words can be corrupted that haven't been twisted already? I suppose that shall be left for the next generation of teenagers to decide. Perhaps they will

keep the ones already in use. More likely than not, they will choose others, although I can't quite see "monumental" being used in reference to a new shoe style.

Planetarium

by Joe Cormier

The Oyster River High School Planetarium attended the M.A.P.S. Conference in Long Island New York.

The M.A.P.S. Conference is the Middle Atlantic Planetarium Society. They were the only high school in the country to be asked to attend this conference, the rest of the people who attended were professionals astronomers. "We have never really been to any other planetarium besides our own, with the exception of the Hayden Planetarium in Boston, so it was very interesting to see the Vanderbilt Planetarium where there is a 48 foot difference in diameter between theirs and Oyster Rivers Planetarium," says Mindy MacKay.

The list of people from Oyster River who attended the conference are Ed Downey, Morgan Brown, Heather Cilly, Dan Finger, Owen Kremsier, Jason Carr, Mike Strak and Minv MacKay.

The Oyster River Planetarium will be hosting the 1988 M.A.P.S. Conference.

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